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EARTHQUAKE IN JABALPUR
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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether an earthquake hit Jabalpur in the month of October, 2014;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with its epicentre and intensity;

(c) whether the print and electronic media created an uncertain situation by giving different details regarding the epicentre of this earthquake;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether there is any policy on giving news about the earthquakes and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a) Yes Madam.

(b) An earthquake of slight intensity has occurred at Jabalpur on 22nd October, 2014 at 10:48:22 HRS. IST. The details are as follows:

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Date of Occurrence  22/10/2014
Time    10:48:22 HRS(IST)
Magnitude   2.8
Depth    5 KM
Epicenter   Latitude    :   23.1Â°N
    Longitude  :  79.6Â°E
Region    JABALPUR, MADHYA PRADESH
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(c - d) No Madam, Major media groups have infact reported purely on the basis of Earth system Science Organization - India Meteorological Department (ESSO-IMD) reports.

(e) Yes Madam, Standard operating procedures is followed for supply of the earthquake information to various designated authorities and agencies as per the following:

(i) Immediately after determination of earthquake parameters, an SMS message is generated and disseminated to the various designated authorities and agencies.

(ii) Earthquake Report (PER) showing the location of earthquake and other details of the earthquake parameters are generated and passed to the various designated authorities including News agencies like PIB, PTI and UNI.

(iii) The details of the earthquakes are also posted on website at http://www.imd.gov. in (Seismology/Earthquake Reports).